

Cornhole Tournament April 15, 2023

PLAYING THE GAME

Singles or doubles play

Every match is broken down into innings of play. During an inning of play, each player must pitch all four of his/her bags. An inning is never completed until all players pitch all four of his/her bags.

Singles Play - Player A competes against Player B.

1. Both players stay in their designated lane for the whole game.
2. Players start the game at the headboard and will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags.
3. Players then walk to the end of their lane to the other court, take score, and resume pitching back to the other board.
4. The top of an inning is completed when the first player pitches all four bags; the bottom of the inning is completed when the remaining player pitches all four bags.

Doubles Play - Team A competes against Team B; each team is comprised of two people.

1. Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole game.
2. Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags.
3. Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other board.
4. The top of an inning is completed when both players pitching from the headboard pitch all four bags; the bottom of the inning is completed when the remaining players pitching from the footboard pitch all four bags.

PITCHING ROTATION DURING THE GAME

The player or team who scored in the preceding inning has honor pitching first in the next inning. If neither player or team scores, the player or team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.

POSITION OF PLAYERS DURING PITCHING

1. The pitcher must be within the pitcher's box or behind the foul line at the time of release.
2. A player must pitch all four bags from their designated pitcher's box.
3. Players must pitch the bag with an under-hand release.
4. A bag that leaves a player's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched bag.
5. A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched.

6. A bag hanging off the edge of the board has value unless it is touching the ground.

TRADITIONAL 21

The game shall be played to the predetermined number of twenty-one points. The first player/team to reach (or exceed) that amount at the conclusion of an inning is the winner. Every point scored for each player/team counts towards total.

VALUE OF THE BAG

Bag In-The Count-Any bag which comes to rest anywhere on top of the board is worth one (1) point.

Bag In-The Hole-Any bag which is thrown through the hole or knocked through the hole by another bag is worth three (3) points.

Foul Bags – Refers to any bag that has not been determined as Bag In-The-Count or Bag In-The Hole or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation.

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FOUL BAG

1. The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by a player or assigned judge. The penalty is to declare the bag a foul bag, which requires the bags to be removed from the court prior to resuming play.

A foul bag is defined as:

(a) Any bag pitched when the player has (1) contacted or crossed over the foul line, or (2) started or stepped completely outside the pitcher's box before the bag is released

(b) Any bag not delivered within the 20-second time limit

(c) A bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than the first bag

(d) Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board

(e) Any bag that struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.

(f) Any bag on the board that is also touching the ground

(g) Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag

(a. The offending team (who touches the bags) forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score of just the bags thrown before the foul was reported.

(b). The non-offending team tallies twelve (12) points as if they had thrown four Bag In-The-Holes (Cornholes) during the inning.

Protests

If a player desires to make a protest, the protest shall be made to the judge or official at the time the problem occurs. The judge shall make the final ruling on all protests.

Tournament Play

A round of play for the tournament begins with the first match and ends once all individual players or teams have played one match. The winners from the first round will play one match in the next round. Winners from each round will advance to the next round. Play will continue until there is one individual tournament winner and one team tournament winner.